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References DE4419683 and DE1950683 are not in the English language, but an English abstract thereof is attached to the copy of each of these reference submitted herewith. Peroxodisulfat-Recycling, Metalloberfläche, 50 (1996), 272276, is not in the English language. A concise explanation of the relevance of this document appears in the specification on page 5, line 11, to page 6, line 3.

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